



INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORT

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PRIVATE BANK IDENTITY THEFT

Inspector General David O. Thomas, after an investigation by Special Agent Bud Allcron and the assistance of Staff Attorney Amanda Schaeffer, reports as follows:

On January 29, 2007, the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) received a phone call from a complainant¹ alleging that someone attempted to withdraw money out of the complainant's private bank account. The complainant suspected a branch employee of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) to have committed identify theft because the complainant recently sought a new driver's license and was requested to surrender the old driver's license and display a second piece of identification.

This case was assigned to OIG Special Agent Bud Allcron. His preliminary investigation revealed that various reports of identity theft were being investigated by the subject bank for similar matters. Bank investigators reported an ongoing investigation of a nationwide crime ring with the common link being victims who have accounts at this particular bank. These bank investigators also reported two individuals who have already been arrested in this scam in two different states.

Further investigation was referred to the private bank due to their ongoing investigation and these facts falling outside statutory OIG jurisdiction.

Dated this 13th day of April, 2007.



David O. Thomas, Inspector General

¹ Names of the complainant and subject bank have been redacted due to an ongoing investigation and also to protect the complainant who is a victim of identify theft.